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First In March, 1970 Written for and by Greater New Haven, Connecticut's Black Community VOL.III No. 5 Ten Cents

Leroy Gomes, alderman for the 19th ward listens as participants "rap" at ICAN's Drug Rap at Hillhouse High School last month. Gomes was one of the many who attended this conference.

ICAN Conducting Raps Around City

ICAN (Inner City Council Against Narcotics) is holding "drug raps" around the city. Their first was held at Hillhouse High School on Feb. 8 and another on March 15 at the Dixwell Community House.

The group had scheduled a meeting with Mayor Bart Guida on drugs. They were hoping that he could be convinced that two centers for treatment are needed.

However, that meeting was cancelled by the Mayor. On March 6, ICAN wrote to Guida demanding another appointment, since at least seventeenagers a week are not receiving adequate care from present programs.

The first drug rap included talks by Robert Tucker, assistant director of the Drug Dependency Unit at the Connecticut Mental Health Center. A workshop on why people take drugs was led by Giggy Martindale and David Young of NARCO. Another workshop on the role of parents in drug addiction was led by the staff of the methadone program, Tucker, Richard Meyers and George McCleese.

Workshops III's topic was drugs and the law. Public Defender Alphonse DiBenedetto conducted this display and slide talk. The Other Theatre, a group of young outpatients from the Drug Dependency Unit, made a dramatic presentation.

ICAN holds regular meetings at their headquarters at 305 Dixwell Ave.

Left to right, Dorothy Fink, Maycerine Bonner, Esther Williamson and Mary Suitt discuss some of the comments they are hearing at ICAN's drug rap. The conference featured workshops with former addicts and health personnel.

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One Act Plays To Be Presented By Arts Coop

The Hill Arts Theatre, under the direction of Robert Blount, will put on its first production of two one-act plays for the coming season this month.

Selected for the week-end of March 27, 28, 29, the plays "Happy Ending" by Douglas Turner Ward; and "Growing Into Blackness" by Salimu are to be performed at the Arts Theatre.

The Theatre is located at 335 West Portsea St., near the corners of West Portsea and Columbus Ave., where the performance is set for 8P.M. Donations $1.00 at the door.

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March 19 Date Set For Election Of Wooster Square Corp. Directors

In conformity with a resolution adopted by Community Progress in May 1968, the residents of Wooster Square are making prepartions for creating their own neighborhood development corporation.

This is to broaden the decision making process and to involve neighborhood people with the authority and responsibility for planning programs that affect their lives.

The first major step in the development of the Wooster Square Neighborhood Corp. is the formation of a board of directors who will be elected on Thursday, March 19.

Polls will be open from 3 to 8 p.m. The polling places are: first district, Winslow Celentano Lobby; second district, Conte School; third district, Central Fire House; fourth district, 649 State St.; and fifth district, Farnum Courts Social Hall.

Residents over 16 years must vote within their districts and presnet identification such as a license or a utility bill.

One delegate from each district will serve a one year term. One district delegate will serve a two year term. Two delegates at large from the entire Wooster Square area will serve two years.

The winner will be determined by the highest number of votes. The two delegates at large polling the highest number of total votes, regardless of district, will be declared the winners.

Empty ballot boxes will be sealed by C.P.I. and delivered to polling places at 3 p.m. on election day.

There will be no absentee ballots, proxy votes, or assistance by others. Write in votes will be accepted. Candidate and immediate family will not be allowed within 100 feet of the voting place.

Some Things Changed By Aldermen

Aldermanic Board President Vincent Mauro bows his head as Alderman from the 22nd Ward, Bill Jones, lambasts him on his lack of foresight in making committee appointments. Mauro, who made the selections without consulting other aldermen, has since appointed Mrs. Gwen Newton to the education committee and Mel Esdaile to the legislation committee.

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George Brumsey's judo students at the Soul Station on Dixwell Ave. work out. They are (left to right) Greg Parker and Ron Howe. The group meets at the Soul Station every Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Defense Group Charges Guards "Beat And Molested" Rose Smith

The Coalition to Defend the Panthers charged recently that guards at Niantic Prison for Women "beat and molested" sixteen year old Rose Smith, a member of the Black Panther Party being held in connection with the Alex Rackley murder.

According to the Coalition, a male guard at the prison "twisted Miss Smith's arm so severely that a ligament was torn". One of the other guards struck her continually. Miss Smith, despite her injuries protested this treatment. Later, according to the Coalition, a guard threw Miss Smith to the ground so severely that she "lost consciousness for an undetermined period of time."

The Coalition is made of New Haven community groups which state that "they are concerned that the Black Panters involved in the Rackley case receive the justice they deserve." The Coalition in the past has protested the treatment the prisoners are receiving in the state prisons. It has also called for the granting of bail for all of the Panther defendants pending their trial.

In an open letter to Commissioner of Correction Ellis McDougall, the Coalition stated that they "believe that all prisoners deserve the right to humane treatment while they are in jail." The letter went on to say "we are particularly outraged that the treatment the women have received has not only not improved, but has descended to the point that they are now being beaten and manhandled by prison guards."

The letter goes on to demand that Commissioner McDougall "conduct an immediate investigation of this incident, and make the details public as soon as possible. We also demand that the guards who beat Miss Smith be fired immediately, and that Miss Davis, the warden of the prison, be supended until the responsibility for this incident can be determined."

What Can I Do? Answered Here

People in the suburbs or outlying parts of the city often ask "what can I do? There are some very concrete activities that residents can engage in, especially in the area of education.

Right now, the Human Relations Council of Greater New Haven is distributing a letter to parents of children who are now in the sixth grade at Beecher, Edgewood, Hooker, and Davis Schools. It will be written by parents who now have children in Sheridan. The purpose of the project is to urge parents to keep their children in the public schools.

Members of the Black Student Union at Hillhouse High School are planning a memorial to the late Mrs. Fred (Minnie) Smith. Mrs. Smith was active in community affairs and quite interested in providing a library of black literature. The students are attempting to establish a Minnie W. Smith Black Awareness Collection of Afro-American Writing at Hillhouse. Donations can be made payable to the Mrs. Minnie Smith Memorial Fund and sent to the fund at 1 Dixwell Plaza, New Haven, Conn. 06511.

The Human Relations Council has also worked for several years in the area of housing. A volunteer rental program has been begun to help minority families find desirable rents. Listings are needed as well as volunteers to work.

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Your

Trash

Children's Center Hires Workers, Annual Meet Soon

The Social work staff at The Children's Center, 1400 Whitney Ave., Hamden, has been augmented with the addition of Mrs. Durham Bracken, formerly of Bosteon, Mass.

Mrs. Bracken then majored in casework at Boston University School of Social Work, receiving her Master's in this specialization in 1969. She was employed as an editorial secretary in the editorial and research department of "Holiday" magazine following her graduation from Wellesley where she received a B.A. degree in religion.

In 1965 and 1966, she taught English to five-and six-year old Austrian children in Miss Alice's Kindergarten in Vienna. She has alos served as a social worker with the Traveler's Aid in Boston.

The addition of Mrs. Lydia Shamshurin Fegan of Sydney, Australia, a child psychologist, to the staff of the Children's Center, 1400 Whitney Ave., Hamden, was announced recently by Executive Director Morton Helfer.

Mrs. Fegan was employed as a child psychologist for seven years by the Department of Public Health at the Child Health Centre, Forest Lodge, Sydney. During 1961 and 1962 she became a vocational guidance officer with the Department of Labour and National

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Phoenix's Carter Passes Fifth Exam

James Carter, member of the actuarial staff of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in Hartford, has successfully passed his fifth actuarial exam to earn designation of Associate in the Society of Actuaries. He also has been advanced to actuarial assistant by Phoenix Mutual.

The Associate designation, halfway mark in attaining Fellowship status in the Society, indicates the attainment of a professional level in the use of mathematics to define, analyze and sove complex business and social problems.

Carter is a native of Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University in 1964 with a degree in mathematics. He was on the staff of Bankers Life in Des Moines for four years and later did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. He joined Phoenix Mutual's actuarial department in January, 1969.

Mrs. Elnora Bess headed the committee for the sixth annual 4100 plate dinner for Immanuel Baptist Church.

Allison Bryant was master of ceremonies for the banquet. Edgar G. Hopkins was the banquet Chef.

New Three R's Proposed At Dinner, Rhetoric, Revolution, And Reality

Henry Parker, chairman of the Democratic Alliance, urged recently that the black community unite in working for political power as the key to improving conditions in New Haven and other urban centers.

Keynote speaker at a fund-raising dinner at Immanuel Baptist Church, Parker characterized the "challenge of the Seventies" as understanding "the new three R's of Rhetoric, Revolution, and Reality." He stressed the need to examine what conditions have led young people to turn to revolutionary rhetoric.

"Black frustration has grown over the past decade as the system has failed to provide solutions to the problems of black people, especially in housing, education, and employment. While New Haven has spent $200 million in urban renewal, it has built only 100 units of low income housing to replace the over 7,500 units torn down," he noted.

Parker pointed to the lack of economic stability in the black community. "We are in a state of economic subjugation, and the proof is in how little we own or can borrow from the banks.'

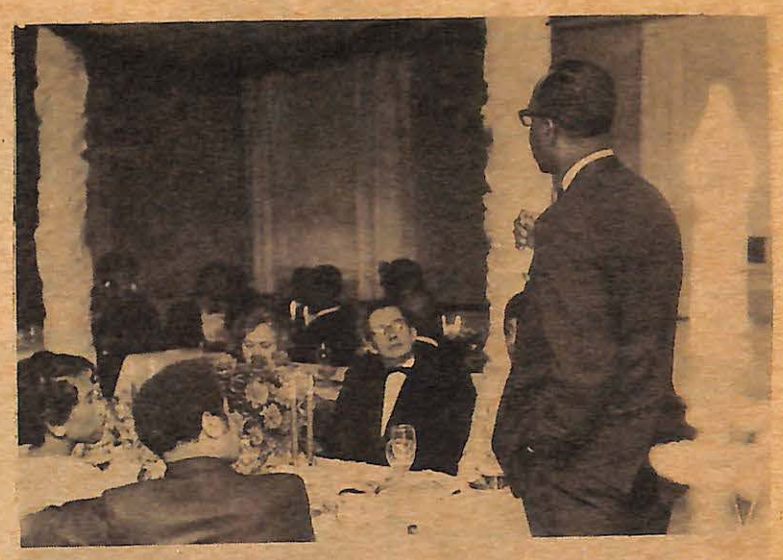
"We cannot afford to accept the present low level of education or the lack of well-paying jobs open to blacks, but must work for speedy changes through political involvement and continual confrontation with those who represent the status quo, both in and outside of the black community."

A former mayoral contender in New Haven, Parker also criticized the black community for failing to use its political potential effectively.

"Our basic problem is our powerless. It is imperative that we no longer remain a Black Silent Majority. If we join forces with the many whites of good will, we can achieve political and economic power."

Parker urged that the black community involve itself in social and economic development as an alternative to what he termed the "simplistic revolutionary rhetoric.'

"Only through the political enpowerment of the black community and a committment to social activism can we meet the great challenge of the Seventies," he concluded.



Hank Parker was guest speaker at the dinner.

White Decides To Run For Position Asks Daniels To Help Create Solidarity In Community

Ward White, president of a New Haven urban consulting firm and a member of the class of 1971 at Yale Law School, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 112th Assembly District.

White has been active in New Haven commounity planning projects as project planner for the New Haven Housing S-
Authority, as a member of the Board of Directors of Operation Breakthrough, and as supervisor of a Vista Consumer Protection Program conducted through the Law School.

Also active in local politics, White is founder of the Progressive Democrats, a New Haven organization founded "to promote broader political activity on the part of minority groups". White served as campaign coordinator in Henry Parkers' bid for the Democratic nomination last year.

"I have been urged by a number of people to seek the State Representative seat, in order to offer progressive representation at the state level." White said. "The results of the mayoral primary last November demonstrates that the people in the 112th Assembly District want a representative who will speak to the issues that concern them and will open up the political process to allow for broader participation."

"The two major problems confronting this district and the city of New Haven are housing and education. Through my experience in all phases of housing and real estate, I have gained valuable experience in this area which I would apply in developing new programs in low and moderate income housing financed jointly on the federal and state levels."

"As State Representative, would also press for increased aid from the State to aid public education and would work on a personal level with neighborhood youth groups in our district," White added. "Additionally, the State must face up to its responsibility in stamping out illegal narcotics traffic.

White pointed to Henry Parer's mayoral campaign as an example of the type of campaign of the future because it was "a product of participatory involvement by people from all walks of life."

"I will be out in the neighborhoods talking to the people about what directly concerns the, listening to their concerns, and formulating creative proposals on the local issues presented. The elction of the seven Parker aldermen shows what can be done in broadening the spectrum of people who participate in and benefit from the political process. In my campaign, I will advance issues that are of priority concern to the citizens of my district."

Ward White, in a move to create solidarity in the black community, sent a letter to John Daniels prior to announcing his candidacy for State Representative from the 112th District, urging him, in the absence of his own candidacy, to support White for the seat.

Daniels has previously stated his intention to run for the position only if the present Representative, Morris Olmer, decides not to seek re-election.

White stated that he sent the letter to inform Daniels of his candidacy in an effort to avoid "negative", divisive tactics with in the Democratic Party and within the black community.

"To avoid unnecessary confrontations and in the interest of unity, I hope that you will join me in my efforts to provide more responsive state representation from our area," White saidk in the letter.

In explaining his own candidacy, to an extent, is the story of my candidacy.

I continue to be concerned about our country and our party. I believe we are no experiencing a "Nixon lull", which is giving us a chance to settle down, but i foresee need and demand for change in the challenge. As someone said, the country or party which refuses to accept change will lose itself.

Five areas particularyly concern me: 1. the Israeli-Arab war with such outrageous consequences as the demolition of the Swiss airliner; 2. the revolution in our schools, colleges and universities; 3. Vietnam and our involvement in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand; 4. the revolt and violence in our cities; and 5. the economic climate of our country.

The next six years will be momentous. We shall need all our abilities to cope with them.

Sincerely,
Palmer S. McGee,Jr.

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LETTER

Dear Editor,

The Republican Senatorial ponies have finally left the starting gate. It was a bedraggled start, stretching from June to February. The six entries (at last count) are-- in order of announcement-- McGee, Lupton, Sibal, Napper, Etherington and Weicker.

The resemblance to a horse race is, however, misleading. For what is at stake is not a prize or a bet, but who shall be chosen as the Republican nominee for one of Connecticut's two seats in the U.S. Senate, which has been referred to as the most powerful deliberating body in the world.

My campaign continues on a low-key, grass roots level. The other evening, after I had talked to a town committee, a member came over and said to me, "You know, you are the only candidate speaking realistically on every issue. I don't know where you will end, but I know we need you."

This , to a considerable

Community Center Debated By Group

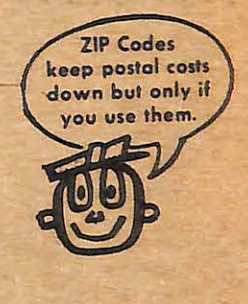
The final session of the Dwight leadership development program focused on future activities of the neighborhood corporation. Among the projects suggested were credit union, a community center, and improvement of the Legion Center. The session was held on Feb. 28.

The community center might converted church which could include day care centers, offices, the Dwight Health Center, gymnasium, and other facilities. Trainees discussed length the possibility for taking over the church and converting it to neighborhood use. Question included how to fund the program, how to obtain staff, etc.

The discussion also included the operation neighborhood corporations and the need for orderly meetings and procedure. The officers of the corporation should be educated as to their appropriate roles in the need for leadership. Hugh Price pointed out that there is often a conflict of interest when the head of a neighborhood corporation is also employed in one of the programs funded through it. The conflict comes in the desire to protect one's own job and jealousy is also prevelant among those neighborhood folks who did not get the jobs.

It was emphasized that neighborhood corporations should eliminate direct services to community groups and leave that to programs that are funded specifically for such activities.

Mrs. Geraldine Clemons, Lyric soprano, provided the music for the affair. She was accompanied by Louise Gibson.



From The Horses Mouth READ THE CROW

Poetry Corner

Reflections
by
A Chocolate A&R

One Hour and Fifteen Minutes

Ph-s-s-s-st
Hold your head down

Ph-s-s-s-st
Hold your ear

Ph-s-s-s-st
Ouch!

Ph-s-s-s-st
Sorry!

How do you wan it today?
Shirley Temple Curls, please

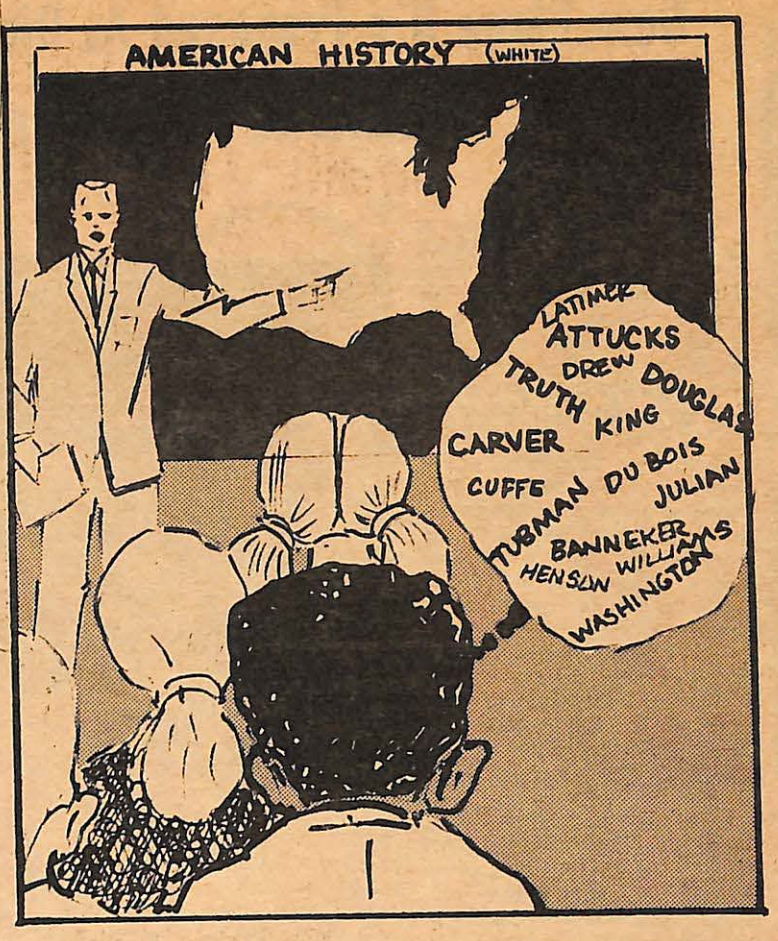
Alienation

I'm so tired
of people beating me
without touching me.

I'm so tired
of people hitting me
without striking me.

I'm so tired
of people hating me
without knowing me.

I'm so tired . . .



By Penny Strother

Black literature and black history are very important. They should be taught as separate curricula, in all integrated schools.

There is some background taught on slavery in U.S. History, but it doesn't seem to be enough for black students to learn about identity.

We should try to use black instructors for this course, because many feel that black teachers should know more about black history than white instructors. Also, the classes should be well integrated if the school has a majority of whites, so the black students can have more confidence and become more outspoken. The white students learn something about the heritage of black Americans and relate to them at the same time.

Books written by black writers have been kept away from the

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"ARE WE READY?"

by Hugh Price

Black Culture Is Alive

And Well In New Haven

The month of April will be alive in New Haven with a Black Cultural Festival sponsored by the Black Coalition, the United Church on the Green, and the Ulysses S. Grant Foundation. The planning began last summer and is culminating next month in a series of exciting events.

The festival shall serve many purposes. First, it is to celebrate and confirm the presence of black people. For many years and for good reason, the focus attention on black people has been directed toward the problems that we face in New Haven and in America. Yet very little is known about the contributions that blacks have made to this community. The celebrated case of Joseph Cinque and the Amistad Rebellion, the involvement of the Dixwell Congregation Church in the underground railroad, the history of Prince Hall, and others are but a few examples of the black experience in New Haven that should be known by all.

Currently, blacks in all areas of the city are making substantial contributions to the culture and vitality of New Haven. Yet their work receives scant public recognition. Professional and "amateur" painters and photographers have done remarkable, exciting and sensitive work. Black children in the schools, in the Y's and at the Dixwell Creative Arts Center have been learning and creating in the fields of art and music.

Exciting dance programs such as those of the Bowen - Peters Dance Studio and elsewhere are providing challenging and creative experiences for youngsters, yet they receive little public acknowledgement except from parents and true dance Black drama abounds in New Haven with such groups as the Hill Arts Drama Cooperative, the Black Arts Theatre, the Muntu Players and on the college campuses of the various colleges in the area.

The black experience in New Haven is indeed one of problems and oppression, but it is also one of dynamic thrusts for freedom to create and to live. The Black Cultural Festival will pay long overdue recognition to this latter aspect of the black experience so that the entire community might have a fuller appreciation of the presence of black people in New Haven.

Be looking for the events which will begin the first weekend of April. April. All of the events will be printed up in the next issue of the Crow.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

"The Kennedy Incident": Should All Be Published?

by HORACE GOODSON

MORRIS NORTON
469 HUNTINGTON ST.

"I think that anything for the people should be made public. But, I cannot see bringing embarrassment and humiliation on the Kopecnek family and ruination to Kennedy. As I see it, making the facts known is only an attempt to black ball Kennedy out of politics."

JOHN GRAVES
326 NEWHALL ST.

"In this case, quite possibly, all facts were geared to the judical bodies involved. But consenses of the opinion is that many facts were restricted from the news media, and therefore from public scrutiny. In all fairness to all unfortunates, each incident should be handled independently, without bias or loosness of facts released for public consumption."

MARY TILLEY
51 ARCH ST.

"I feel that the Senator's career has already been marred by this tragic event. If doubts are to be totally erased in the minds of the public, certains points must be claridied. However, my feelings about this event are ambivalent. I feel that this man has the right to some privacy. The unfortunate part of the matter is that the accident placed this portion of his life before the eyes of the public, therefore, giving the public the right to question his total involvement. Since there has been no concrete evidence published that determines the event to be anything other than an accident, information derived from the inquest may hold the key to what the public wants to know."

ALVIN C. LEWIS
9 SO. GENESEE ST.

"Yes , I think the facts about the incident involving Senator Kennedy should be made public. If there are any facts being withheld that could completely clear him, why not make them public? Public opinion has been forned already. If the Senator is innocently as proclaimed why not make all the facts known?"

Local Council To Send Delegates To National Meet Of Girl Scouts

Three women from the Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts will be attending a meeting of Black Delegates on March 13 and 14, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chosen at a meeting of Coucil

Chosen at a meeting of Council black women on February 16 were Mrs. Willie Jones, 39 Trade Union Plaza, 65 Dwight Street, an adult volunteer; Miss Ludelia Numley, 31 Sylvan Avenue, a member of Senior troop 510 and a student at

Eli Whiteny; and Miss Beverly Hohnson, a staff member based in New London.

The Caucus was recommended and planned by a Task Group on Race Relations, named by the National Board after the National Convention in October. Chaired by Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, a Vice President, the task forse is composed of the minority members of the National Board and Nominating Committee.

During their two days in Atlanta, these women will join delegates from 39 other United States cities to listen to and disucss ways in which Girl Scouting can be made more effective and meaningful for all girls. This aim is in keeping with the three year goal of Action 70, a continuing effort to bridge age, racial and social gaps.

A special effort will be made to explore ways to change program value emphasis from the white middle class orientation of the past to incorporate blacks, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups into the movement.

All discussion and action is based of the firm belief of these ladies that Girl Scouting has something to offer their girls. They should return with some vital new ideas and plans for Girl Scouting in New Haven.

Agency Chosen To Represent Arts Festival

Whitney Curtiss, Inc., New Haven and Cheshire, advertising agency wa s recently appointed to represent the Black Cultural Festival as advertising, promotional and public relations consultant.

The Festival is planned and sponsored by The Black Coalition of New Haven, The United Church on the Green and The Ulysesse S. Grant Foundation. It will take place during the entire month of April and will key, ationally-prominent black authors, artists, lecturers, dancers, singers and other performers.

This celebration is one of the activities sponsored by these groups in an effort to stimulate interest and awareness on the part of both the white and black communities in black culture. The sponors, along with Whiteny Curtiss management, are looking for this festival to become an annual event of regional and national prominence, bringing to this area a steady flow of this nation's leading black talent as performers and supporters of the Festival.

According to Hugh Price, Director of the Black Coalition, Whitney Curtiss was chosen over several other agencies which competed to represent these groups. Gene Niel, Whitney Curtiss Vice-President, will serve as Account Executive. He will be assisted by Sal Gaudio, Art Director; Sani Rose, Whitney Curtiss Production Specialist; and Julius Bronstein, Agency President, will supervise creative activities.

Our Teenage Population: Main Talk At Meeting

The ninth session of the West Rock Leadership Development Program was held on Jan. 31 at the Brookview Library. Speakers at this session were Ben LaFrazier of NARCO, Russell Garris, Director of the Group Work Program, and Joseph Harris, Chairman of the Black Coalition, Co-Director of Dixwell Legal Rights Assoc. and Chariman of ICAN (Inner city Council Agains Narcotics).

The topic for this session was the teen problem-teen perspectives, drugs, teen lounges.

LaFrazier led off the session by explaining NARCO's program, which he emphasized was a preventive education program designed to prevent teens from experimenting with drugs by giving them inside looks at what drug addiction does to the individual. He also stated that much of the NARCO program revolves around therapy and group sessions and referrals of individuals already addicted to drugs.

LaFrazier said that there is no sure cure for the addict. The addict himself must want to get off drugs. He must be determined to adhere to a preventative program, LaFrazier explained.

LaFrazier also stated that many of those who work for NARCO have at one time or another been addicted to drugs. Using former drug addicts in the program provides an added incentive for other addicts who come into the NARCO program.

He said NARCO strives to offer alternative for the addict in facing the many social ills that affect each of us.

Another feature of the NARCO program is a comprehensive program designed to reach those who are not already on drugs. This program includes holding variou seminars at the city's three high schools to let the high school sudents get first hand information concerning drugs.

The next speaker was Russell Garris, Director of the Group Work Program. Garris dealt with the various teen lounges. He stated that a teen council should overseer all of the teen lounges operating in the city. Garris said that in light of the failure of the teen lounges we must ask ourselves the very vital questions is there a definite need for them? And what value do they have as they are presently operating?

He did say, however, that if the teen lounges were to be of any real value that those responsible for them would have to come up wit h some better programs. Garris stated that the teen lounges could, if they were operating under a central office, offer programs that would encourage more teens to participate in the programs. He alluded to a teen set up that would have educational progress as its basic design.

Concentration should be placed on providing additional counselling for teens intent upon acquiring further education, more adult and parent involvement, and educational courses not provided in the city's schools. Of course, Garris emphasized that there is not enough money currently to operate the existing teen ounges. He did feel that this alone should not hinder the operation of the teen lounges, if the adult community committed itself to saving the teen lounges.

Garris also stated that the teen lounges could be an asset in bridging the communications gap between the teens and their parents. The teen lounges, he said could strengthen the family relationship.

The final speaker was Joe Harris, who opened his talk by alluding to the teen problem as one of our most important problems. He stated that the teens emulate their parents or others in the community. But, it is in the area of parental involvement that the community falls down on the job, said Harris. He also said that parents have got to be honest with their children, if any meaningful dialogue is to take place.

Harris then stated that part of the problem is that too many things are given to our teens. Teens today, he said, are not impressed with the idea of hard work leading to something meaningful. To say that we in the adult community have not lived up to our part of the bargain in dealing with our youngsters is an understatement, Harris said.

In the area of discipline in our schools, Harris stated that parents are at fault, in manu parents are at fault, in many instances, when they do not discipline their youngsters at home. Discipline must begin in the home, he emphasized.

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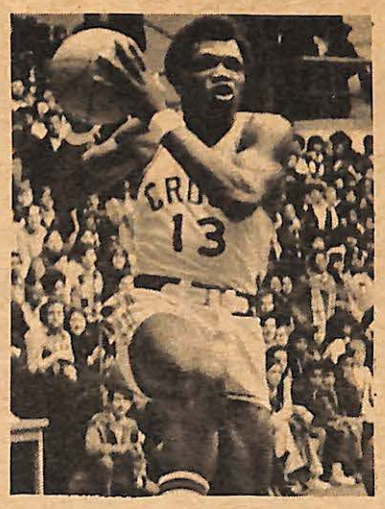
1969-70 CROW ALL CITY TEAM

FIRST TEAM



JOHN WILLIAMSON
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
WILBUR CROSS
POS. GUARD

CHARLES FARLEY
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
HILLHOUSE
POS. FORWARD

DAN HARDY
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
WILBUR CROSS
POS. FORWARD

JAMES E. AARON
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
LEE HIGH SCHOOL
POS. FORWARD

The 1969-70 CROW All City Basketball Team has the distinction of having two of the best players to ever come out of the New Haven School system in Super John Williamson and Sweet Charley Farley of Wilbur Cross and Hillhouse respectively! Both Williamson and Farley are repeaters on the team selected by the varsity players at the city's three high schools. Super John capped a fine four year varsity career at Wilbur Cross High School by becoming the most prolific scorer in the city's high school basketball history!

Although Farley didn't rave notices that Williamson did, he was nevertheless, a super star and many college coaches have beaten a path to his door trying to lure him to their schools next year. Joining Super John and Sweet Charley on the Crow's first team are Dan Hardy of Cross, Jim Fleming of Hillhouse, and Jim Aaron of Lee.

Hardy on any other team in the state would have been in the super star category, but because he played in Super John's shadow he was many times overlooked. However, to his teammates and coach Dan Hardy was a super star of the first magnitude.

Fleming took up much of the slack left at Hillhouse when Ac All Stater Curvan Lewis was suspended from the team in the early part of the season. Jim has always been known as one of the finest shooters in the city and many fans felt that he should-'ve been a starter last year on Hillhouse's Super Five.

Aaron of Lee leaves the Mayors team at a time when the city's newest high school may emerge as one of the top teams in the state next year. The Mayors lose only Aaron from their starting team.

JAMES FLEMING
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
HILLHOUSE
POS. GUARD

JOSEPH MOYE
AGE 16 CLASS JUNIOR
LEE HIGH SCHOOL
POS. GUARD

The Crow's Second Team is comprised of Larry Johnson and Jerry Potter of Hillhouse along with Joe Moye and Cal Carrington of Lee and Roland Jones of Wilbur Cross.

Potter the only senior on the second team made the transition from subsitute to a starting varsity performer with a relative ease. Jerry's fine rebounding helped the Academic basketball team when it lost the premier rebounder in the state, Curvan Lewis.

Roland Jones is a young man destined to be the next super star in the city's high school basketball circles with two full seasons to go, look for this young man to capture many of the headlines in the next two years as a varsity performer at Cross.

Johnson, brother of Earl Johnson a member of Hillhouse's Super Five, is the only returning member of this year's Hill-

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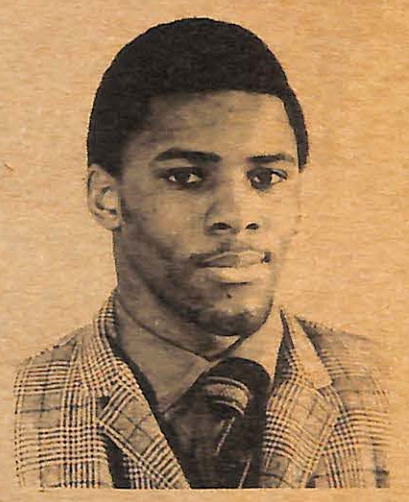
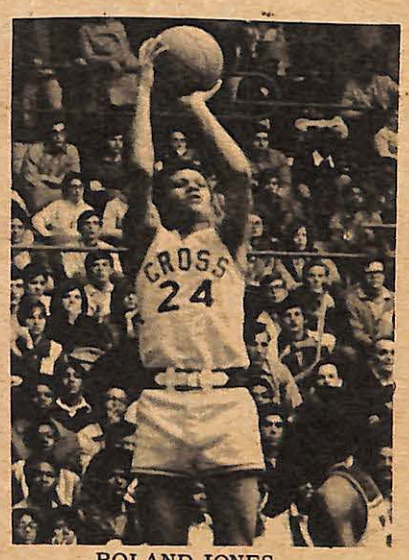


LARRY JOHNSON
AGE 17 CLASS SOPH
HILLHOUSE
POS. GUARD

SECOND TEAM

CALVIN CARRINGTON
AGE 17 CLASS JUNIOR
LEE HIGH SCHOOL
POS. CENTER



ROLAND JONES
AGE 16 CLASS SOPH
WILBUR CROSS
POS. FORWARD

JURIEL A. POTTER
AGE 18 CLASS SENIOR
HILLHOUSE
POS. FORWARD

The Hot Box

The World of Sports Today by Bob Greenlee

Now that the current high school basketball season is over except for the CIAC's (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference) four tournaments, this writer would like to reflect upon a highly successful basketball season for the city's high school teams. The one sore spot resulted from a game between Wilbur Cross and St. Anthony's of Washington, D.C.

In that game several weeks ago, the St. Anthony's coach, former Providence College star, John Thompson pulled his team off the court with two minutes remaining and Cross leading. Thompson allowed himself to be called a quitter by the fans that paid to see the game.

In the following weeks, comments were tossed about. Some sportwriters and coaches have hinted at various points of view as to the quality of the officials.

The two officials for that game were Ed (Buck) White and Danny Jackson. Thompson, in his post-game comments, commented on inferior officiating in the game. He was upset because there had been 29 fouls called against his team and only half that number against the Ckoss team.

Also there was the incident, where after a foul was called by White, the ball was tossed. It looked as if the ball was tossed by an angry St. Anthony player, but that is debatable. What is not debatable is that an official was hit in the face. This act led to a technical foul against the St. Anthony team.

Thompson then jumped up off his bench to protest the call. When he refused to return to his bench, another technical was called. At this point, he motioned to his team to head for the dressing rooms.

Also, in his post game comments, Thompson stated that that was the last straw as he saw it and he had no other choice, but to pull his team off the floor. I disagree with his action. In effect it solved nothing and it looked like a case of sour grapes. Had Mr. Thompson felt that he was getting a raw deal then it would seem that after the first half had ended that he would've pulled his team off the floor, because it was in the first half where his team piled up many of those twenty- nine fouls!

The comments made by some of the other area coaches in attendance at the game leaves something to be desired. Much of the controversey centered around the officiating at the game. But no one mentioned the two styles of play that were involved in the game or

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Coach's Corner

by Sam Burrell Jr.

Congratulations are certainly in order for Joe Chandler the Cheshire High School basketball coach. Chandler coached the Cheshire Rams to a undefeated season with a record of 19-0. Cheshire took their 19-0 record into the Class "A" Tourney only to be upset by Maloney High School of Meridan 67-63. Chandler a three sport star during his high school days at Branford High School has done a remarkable job at Cheshire in recent years.

The former Springfield College graduate was one of the first Black head coach's on the high school scene in Connecticut. Aside from his varsity head coaching job, Chandler is the assistant football coach. And if that s not enough to keep him busy, he is supervisor of physical education for the school system of Cheshire. So to Joe Chandler congratulations on your 19-0 season and winning the Housatonic League Championship----.----

Our recent articles on the Original Dixwell Panthers basketball team brought mail from readers in Los Angeles, California and Colorado. Roly Caldwell one of the players from that Panther team dropped us a letter that we thought the readers might enjoy.

Roldand Caldwell
1508 Rushmore Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hi Sam,

Just a quick note to let you know I enjoyed the column on the Panthers. I hadn't realized that so much time has passed since that reunion game.

Your column hit quite a nostolgic chord in me and I find myself thinking quite a bit of "those days" at the Q. Maybe someday we'll have another Panther reunion game.

By the way, The Crow is an interesting paper. See you this summer.

Roly,

We thought we would print this letter to let all of Roly's friends know of his where abouts.

In receiving letters from Colorado and Los Angeles, tells us that the Crow not only "Speaks the Truth", but it also flies far and wide.

Morris Moreland, Southern Connecticut's 6ft. 5in, center,

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NEW TEAM
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Black Model Agency and School, 11 Asylem St., Hartford, will be handling the "Miss Black America' contest this year for the State of Conn., under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Brock one of Conn.'s top black models and Thomas Jehad, owner of Jehad's Clothing Salon. Both owners of Black Model Agency and School.

Any group, organization, Masons, Elks, NAACP or civic groups that are interested in in buying the franchise and holding a pageant in the local towns outside Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven should give the Black Model Agency a call. They are looking for girls in every small or large town in Connecticut to participate in the largest black beauty contest ever in Conn.

The winner for Conn. will spend a week in New York preparing , rehearsing with other girls from all over the U.S.A. to vie for the title of Miss Black America. This will be televised nationally again this year. The winner in New York will receive scholarships to the college or university of her choice, a complete wardrobe for T.V. and Night Club appearances, screen test etc. She will travel around the world's most elaborate playgrounds.

Qualifications: 18 years old (by July) to 24 years, and have not reached her 25th birthday by Sept.; Single, never married, no children, and a high school graduate or will be graduating by June 1970, five feet, four inches tall or over.

Serveral things the Miss Black America Pageant has already accomplished are: 1. become a symbol of pride for black women in America; 2. given the black woman a chance to display her beauty, charm, poise, intellect, dignity, courage, talent and elegance in the same manner as other ethnic groups; 3. it has provided the black woman with the opportunity to be judged by black standards; 4. it has served as a source of inspiration for young black girls all over America; 5. Miss Black America Pagaent has stimulated American industry to use and see more black models and accept the beauty of the black woman on par with the white counterparts.

"This contest is really the best thing to happen for the black girl, says Mrs. Brock. "In all the other large beauty contests, the girl who won was endowed with fame and fortune. Scholarshop, movie contracts and various other prizes. Few black have had the opportunity to compete in and represent a State and none has reached the finals or semi-finals", she commented.

Any girl or organization interested in being a part of this, call or write Black Model Agency, 11 Asylum ST., Hartford, Conn., 525-3330.

Mrs. Augustina Hunter shows several students from Cheshire's Norton School a special bulletin board constructed for Negro History Week. Mrs. Hunter is a teacher aide for Project Concern. Some of the children in the picture are Triscina Grey, Keve
Some of the children in the picture are Triscina Grey, Kevin Mitchell and Calvin Gary.

A committee of local persons is coordinating the showing of "The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The film, which will be shown at the Paramount Theatre on Temple St. on March 24, will also be shown at various theatres aroung the nation on that evening.

The Young Adult Group of the New Haven Chapter of Negro Business and Professional Women will hold their annual scholarship dance on March 28 at the Elk's Club. Music will be provided by the Exotic Flames of Blackness.

The Fair Haven Parents Ministry will hold their third anniversary dinner on March 25 at Holiday Inn at 30 Whalley Ave. Tue tickets at $8 ($15 for a couple are available at the ministry at 403 Grand Ave. Calvin Marshall, guest speaker, is an associate of James Forman of the Black Economic Development Project.

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Card Party

The New Haven Chapter of Jack and Jill is sponsoring a benefit card party and luncheon on April 18 at the Mermaid Tavern in Stratford. The affair has been a smashing success in years past.

HILLHOUSE HAPPENINGS

During National Negro History Week (I wonder if they should change it to National Black History Week), the "House" held a panel discussion with some of the well known black citizens of New Haven. They included Earl Willimas, a lawyer, Fred Harris, of the Hill Neighborhodd Corp., Doug Miranda, of the Black Panther Party, and others.

The discussion was mainly on education and unity. When talking about education and unity, you must let everything hang out, everything like the teachers and the "power structure".

After the truth started coming out, the room began to get hot. Don't let anyone tell you that blacks draw nothing but heat, because those white students weren't doing too bad, themselves. Everybody dug the talk. Afterwards, students and teachers talked individually with the panel members.

After our second defeat of that "red hot" team (Cross), the seniors held a dance in the school gym. Having the students from Hillhouse, Lee, and Cross is definitely unity. Right On!!

The Friday before winter vacation, (FEB.20) there was a rally held in honor of Malcom X at Beaver Pond Park. I guess that some people did not come because it was quite cold. But, I can't complain though, because that were quite a few people there.

When it was over, students started going back to school. That was dumb because some could not get in. Principal Redmond let school out after eleven.

However, the day didn't end too badly. The sophomore class gave a jam, and it jammed--even though J.B. was in town! I think the junior class better get hip--the others had their dances already.

The Interim Committee is a group project which deals with the problems of the school. Both teachers and students are on it. Right now, they are dealing with attendence and discipline problems. Hopefully things will work out.

All Power to the Students

Angela Hemphill

Future Students Invited To School For Tour And Movie

The Grace-New Haven School of Nursing will have an Open House Wednesday, March 18, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Grace Educational Building, 25 Park St.

The invitation is extended to counselors, deans, principals and advisors to Future Nurses Clubs, as well as high school and junior high school students and their parents. Freshmen student nurses will take those attending the Open House on a tour of the school and hospital, to a movie and social hour.

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And then as flagrantly as it came it rushed away.

To lift my heavy burden so that I might smile again Today!

R. Douglas Greenlee

Get It From The Horses Mouth READ THE CROW

Hot Box...

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the two areas, New England and Middle Atlantic. It is a widely know n fact that the style of play in New England, New York, and Washinton area differ and the officials in those areas differ in their style also.

In a poll of the seven District League basketball coaches the following comments were elicited. One coach didn't respond to the telephone call. Of the other six four stated that they would never have pulled their teams off the courts in a similar situation, while one said he definitely would've and the other said that it would be a hard decision to make. When asked what they thought of the two officials the following comments were received on White. Four coaches felt he was a competent official, while one felt that he was an up and down official and the other refused to comment. As for Jackson many of the coaches felt that he was a year away as an official of varsity games. When asked if they would hire either of these two men next year four stated that they would hire either or both of these two men, while one stated that he would not want to hire Jackson.

The problem as this writer sees it is that the coaches are the ones who say whether an official is competent or not and many times this is based on their personal refbased on their personal preference for the way that official calls a game. The problem of out of town coaches questioning the local officiating is not new. This writer remembers when Hillhouse's Super Five of a year ago played Boys High at Payne Whitney Gym and the two officials at that time happened to be white, but that didn't stop the Boys High Coach Howie Jones from complaining. And because Mr. Jones didn't agree with the officiating he didn't pull his team off the court.

And after the Boys High Hillhouse game there was no local clamor about the competency of the two officials that worked the game. In the final analysis it would probably be better if the CIAC took the necessary steps to appoint a Commissioner of Officials in all sports to select the game officials thereby taking the pressure off the coaches in selecting officials. And to take this point one step further it would be up to the Commissioner's Office to decide the competency of varsity sports officials that work CIAC sanctioned games.

Of course, this is no cure for all the officiating problems, but it would eliminate many of the innuendoes that have been thrown around following the Wilbur Cross-St. Anthony Game.

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certainly was the key to the teams success this year. Morland was the teams rebounding star and during the last half of the season he became the offensive sensation as well. Moreland, a former Hillhouse High standout will be returning to Southern next year for his senior year. With a great junior season and added confidence look for Moreland to attract national recognition.

Curt Flood suit against baseball and its reserve clause is off the ground. Everyone must agree that Flood is morally right. However, it will be very interesting to see how baseball and its million (s) dollar operation and the courts will degeat Curt Flood in his fight against a moral wrong.

Last year our first article was on the lack of Black athletic officials. In that article and subsequent articles we tried to encourage Black men to get qualified to become officials in high school or college. College officials tried to get raises of $15.00 per game which would mean $74, 50, 47.50 and 37.50 depending on the size of the school and the conference. Presently they are getting $60, $50, $40 and $30 per game depending on the size of the college and conference. It all boils down to a nice peice of "change" for a part-time job. In high school basketball fee range from $20.00 to $25.00 per game. Anyone interested in becoming an official in any sport can contact the Crow office for further information. 624-4127.

Smoking Is Bad

The Unborn Damaged By Cigarette

Pregnant women who smoke may damage their unborn babies.

Among women who smoke during pregnancy, there are a greater number of babies weighing less than the normal average. And there is some evidence that these women have more stillborn babies.

The situation is especially bleak for black women.

An eight-year study of more than 16,000 pregnant women was conducted at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland, California. Both black women and white women received high-quality care at the same prenatal clinic and use the same medical staff. In spite of this, after the fourth month twice as many black women who smoked lost their babies in comparison with white women who smoked. The researchers have no explanation for their findings.

The cold facts are these. The number of women--both black and white-- who have died from chronic bronchitis and emphysema has doubled in the last ten years. The risk of death from lung cancer among women who are heavy smokers is almost five times that of nonsmoking women.

Cigarette smoking causes chronic bronchitis and lung cancer. It is closely associated with emphysema.

Women, as well as men, are ill more often if they smoke. They have some chronic conditions, such as heart disease, bronchitis, and peptic ulcers. The greater the number of cigarettes they smoke, the more chronic the smoke, the more chronic conditions they are likely to have. And they spend 17 per cent more days sick in bed each year than women who do not smoke.

Mothers are too important to too many people to endanger their health. Their families want them alive and well.

For more facts about smoking, see you local respiratory disease association. It's a matter of live and breath.

(This column was provided by the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, 364 Whitney Ave., 777-6821).

Miss T&T of North Carolina and her court wore African attire at their coronation. The theme was "Salute To Soul Sister."

All City Team...

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house team. Only a sophomore he has shown that he too will be heard from in the next two years on the New Haven basketball scene.

Joe Moye of Lee may well be the class of basketball guards on thecity
on the city high school cage scene next season as a senior. Joe was very insturmental in the Lee team making the CIAC's Class A tournament, where the Mayors who were ranked 25th in a 25 team field won two games before biting the dust.

Cal Carrington may well turn out to be the best big man in the city next year at 6 ft. 5in. he possesses the necessary height to dominate the boards for the Mayors next year, as well as a nice shot. Along with 6ft. 6in. Derek Reverson and Joe Moye aiding Carrington look for the Mayors to be the class of the city's three teams.

We at the Crow take this opportunity to congratulate all ten of these young men who were chosen by their peers as the class of the city's high school basketball players.

TELL THEM YOU READ IT IN THE CROW

The Crow What's In a Name?

The Crow has been in existence as a part of the news media since Jan. 1968.

At the outset, it was a newsletter and later it became a magazine type of newsletter. Today, it is presented to its readers in tabloid form.

Since its inception the name CROW has caused a lot of controversy among blacks, white, etc. Yet, there is reason behind the selection of this as the organ's name and symbol.

For many years to be called a crow was offensive and a means for subjecting black people to ridicule and disrepute. Yet a study of this great bird in books, written by white people, is rewarding and worthy of the time spent.

The Crow is a large majetic black bird. He is smart, clever, prudent and can accurately judge the range of a gun and hence rarely gets shot. It is said that if crows could be shot more often they would be more popular birds. They rise early, provide for their families very well, and defend their young against enemies valiantly.

Henry Ward Beecher once remarked, "if men wore feathers and wings a very few of them would be clever enough to be crows." Enough said!

Therefore in terms of pride, dignity, personal worth and responsible actions, this great American bird is the symbol of true manliness. And that's in a name!

White ...

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didacy, White noted that Daniels had failed to declare a definite intention to run for the seat.

"We can ill afford to wait any longer. The recent increase in minority representation on the New Haven Board of Aldermen is an encouraging sign. I feel that such gains must now be extended to another level through the intensified efforts of blacks to run for State offices. I have decided to openly seek the office of State Representative from my district to achieve the progressive goals which a great majority of the residents in the 112th district share."

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Association Seeks To Bridge Gap Between Spanish Young And Old

The Spanish Cultural Association located at 260 Congress Avenue is trying to bridge the communication gap within the Spanish-speaking community between the adults and their off-spring. The program is under the direction of Celetino Cordova. the Programs's Assistant Director.

The program tries to attack the communications gap from three areas within the Spanish -speaking community, the first area is that of cultural involvement of the total community. In this way the center brings together the adults and their children at social functions where their cultural heritage is preserved. The next area is the vital educational area where the children feel the brunt of the conflicing cultures. Many of the Spanish-speaking students have a great deal of difficulty when they attend schools here in the U.S. and the center tries to provide adequate tutorial help for them by bringing other high school youngsters from the community and from the suburban community to aid in the tutorial program. There is a comprehensive educational problem in a one on one basis.

The third area of concern at the center is to assist the adult Spanish-speaking community with problems relating to their new community. Some of these include aiding those adults that want to pass their driving tests exams as well as some adult education courses.

In a statement of principle released by the center it outlines the basic aims of the project. "We believe that there is no program that can profess to having goals covering the total personal-social development for disadvantaged children. However, we should act on the basis of what we know and what we honestly believe."

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This is the purpose of this organization: To focus on one small, but important aspect, provide simply an adequate education for a few of the many children who do not receive adequate schooling in their communities, because of traditional social attitudes that defines what is best, and the conservatism that destroys and renders the public school system ineffective in edu cating the socially disadvantaged child.

The above statement adequately outline what the Spanish Cultural Association since its inception in the summer of 1968. The primary concern is to motivate the youth of the community and to assist the adults of that same community. The task before the Association is a big one and with some support it can accomplish much that it aspires to do.

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Service in Sydney.

Mrs. Jeanette Dille, Executive Director of the Connecticut Child Welfare Association, Inc. will address the 1970 Annual Meeting of the Children's Center on Thursday, April 2nd. This year marks the 137th year first voluntary child care agency founded in 1833.

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Narco Notes

By JIM JONES

There are a nember of different types of drug programs in the Greater New Haven area. Although the emphasis of each program may be different, they are all striving for the same goal--drug abuse prevention. In some parts of the country, there has been intense rivalry and even bitterness between various drug agencies over differences in approach, especially in New York City.

Fortunately, this is not the case in New Haven. There are two basic reasons for this:

First of all, most of the agencies in the Greater New Haven area have formal and or informal working relationships. For instance, the Drug Dependency Unit at the Connecticut Mental Health Center has a close working relationship with NARCO (Narcotics Addiction Research and Communities Opportunites, Inc.) and Daytop (Drug Addicts Yield to Persuasion), although the emphasis of the approach of these agencies is not necessarily the same in all cases. Regular meetings between the agencies handle any potential differences.

The second reason that New Haven agencies don't experience the conflicts other localities are going through is that they share a basic realization, that there are "differnet strokes for different folks" and that no one agency has "the answer" to the drug problem. Thus, you don't see one program putting the other down for their particular approach.

Therefore, anyone who is interested in drug rehabilitation or education can get help by contacting one of the agencies, and probably will find what he's looking for. If that particular agency cannot help, they will probably direct you to one which can.

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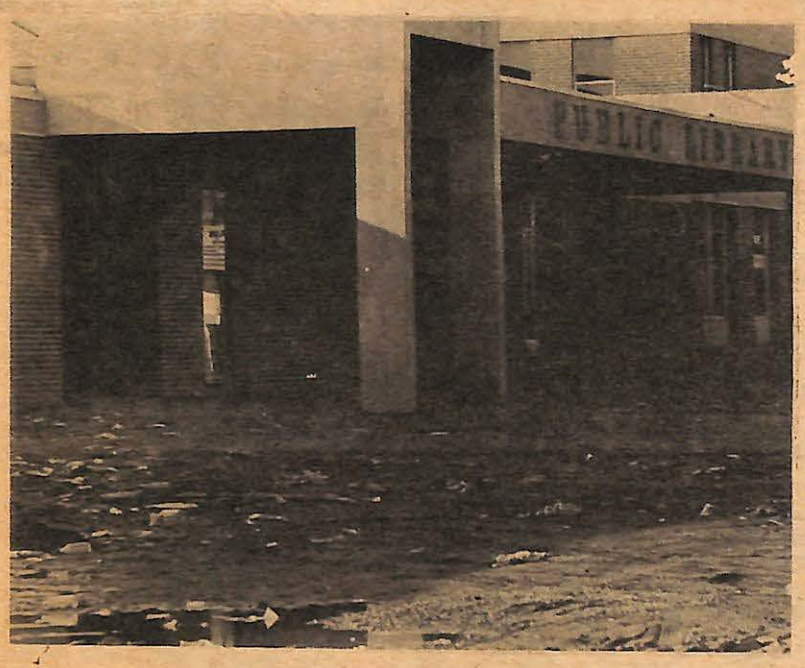

The modern Stetson Library is only accessible through trash at one door and mud and mire on the other. The excellent facilities at Dixwell Shopping Plaza for children are uninviting because the entrances are blocked.

Thash and junked automobiles form a newly redeveloped decor for the Dixwell Plaza area. Besides being ugly they, are a health hazard to the many children that pass through the area on their way to Helen Grant School.

OUR NEW GHETTO

New Ghetto Formed On Old Dixwell

Alderman William Jones issued the following statement recently on the situation at Dixwell Plaza:

Here in the Dixwell area, we have experienced a strange happening. A ghetto was destroyed! However, a new ghetto has sprung up in its place. The faces of the buildings have changed- the supportive services of these buildings have not changed.

The men loitering and drinking in our "new ghetto" pose a threat to the women and children of our community, as they often are obscene in their behavior. They contribute to the following problems: 1. the unsightliness of the broken glass in the area which also presents problems for cars and trucks passing through and neighborhood people walking in the area, 2. paper and trash, which is absent from other plazas, peppers our "new ghetto" constantly.

Other conditions existing today must be remedied. The chugholes in some places are big enough for men to lay in,

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Children of the residents of Florence Virtue Apartments are attracted by the bustling activity of the Dixwell Ave.shopping center. When they go there, they find wine bottles, beer cans and drunks to play with.

Group's Silence —No Good!!!

by Wiley Harris

State and city agencies have been initiating their "token effort' programs to console the ire of the black community.

Department of Neighborhood Improvement (DNI), Community Progress Inc. (CPI) and Citizens Against Lead (CAL), among others, have started programs to improve the housing and community living situations of New Haven's low income dwellers. The intent of these programs is admirable, and, in most cases, the methods are fruitful, but there are deeper questions that must be asked about these programs and, particularly, about the people they claim to aid.

One of the most important of these questions is, "What happens after agencies and community lobbies pull out and leave the individuals to deal with those forces that tend to destruct the community?" These forces may be black militant, "Tom" ladndlords, or the white racist establishment, but that is irrelevant. The

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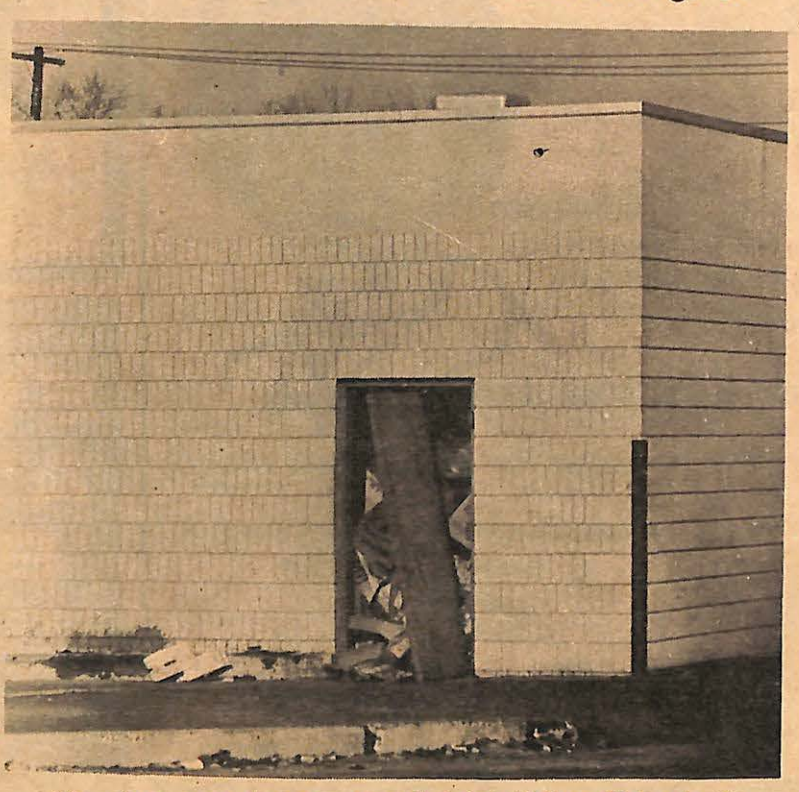
Merchants who do business in the Plaza seem to care little about the property. Two store owners have junked their delivery cars on the parking lot.



The store room in a supermarket is buldging with trash. No attempt was made to protect it from the elements, rats and curious little kids. The food sold here truly cannot be safe as in other stores because of this. Community Citizens should protest by boycott until the market is clean and sanitary.

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black community for years and black people remained ignorant about these writers and their works.

Such black men as Norbett Rillieux who was first to invent sugar and Jan Matzellger invented the last machine that manufactured shoes and Daniel Hale Williams performed the world's first successful open heart surgery. To find information like this it seems like one has to look very hard for it.

In elementary schools in ghetto land, books like Dick and Jane, white stories about white families, must be replaced with books with interest in learning to read.

The history of slavery and Afo-American s should be taught from the civilizations in African to today so that the students can learn the true experiences of their ancestors.

Thomas A. Milmore, chairman of Weston's Democratic Town Committee, has endorsed Joseph Duffey for U.S. Senate. Duffey, a member of the Nat-Duffey, a member of the national Policy Council of the Democratic Party, is seeking his party's nomination for U.S. Senate.

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individuals "helped" must be willing and able to cope with the full force of the retaliation of the establishment.

A case in point is happening in New Haven while this article is being read.

Morris Sachs has been arrested for inumberable housing atrocities. DNI has investigated the many claims and gone into the apartments of many Sachs' tenants.

What is going to happen to these people after Sachs' is cleared of these charges- and he will be cleared! The law says that the tenants can't be thrown out of their apartments, because they filed legal actions against housing code violations, but that won't stop Sachs from his revenge. There are many other methods of making life unbearable for tenants.

Legal action is impossible for low income tenants-therefore, it is up to the community to protect its own people.

Sachs must stay in the spotlight, until the community can be assured that he will not retaliate for someone forcing him to do his moral and legal obligation. By forcing massive repairs without rent control, these agencies are creating the "New Ghetto".

Here is how it works in a hypothetical example: A landlord owning a lot of property (take one of New Haven's black ghetto owners- Peter Young) succumbs to legal pressure and repairs the many violations in his slum building.

Unwilling to take a cut in his profits, which are completely out of proportion, he raise the rent and eventually forces the residents to find new living quarters. This massive shift of tenants turns another area into a ghetto and the problem continues there. "A New Ghetto" is born.

Agencies should take steps to control of this factor in order to get any real city-wide improvement. Mayor Guida signed the fair-rent ordinance into law, yet no action has been taken to put it into action. The time is here.

Community organizations, such as Dixwell Legal Rights, must force the administration to act. The Black Coalition has the power to put pressures on the city government and individual citizens have to put pressure on the Coalition and demand them to action.

There is another side to this problem seemingly ignored

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The Jamaican Independence Tour, Vinnie Williams, Tour Director, is scheduled for departure on August 1 to August 8. This will feature seven days and eights nitghts at the Tower Isle hotel located in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The price includes air fare, hotel accomodations, meals, sightseeing and other features. For further details call The Suburban Travel Agency and ask for "VINNIE" at (777-0666 or 245-9772).

A word of advice to you about your travel arrangements. If you are planning a trip for vacation, please don't wait until it is too late to make those reservations. DO IT NOW!!

Later
"Vinnie"

Increasing the ability of middle managers to assimilate disadvantaged unemployed persons into the work force was the purpose of a two-day workshop on March 11 and 12, by the National Alliance of Businessmen. The workshop was presented at the Winchester Clubhouse, through the courtesy of the Olin Corp.

The Atwater Senior Citizens will hold a rummage sale on April 14 from 11 to 3 p.m. at 26 Atwater St.

The New Haven Senior Citizens Center at 294 Cedar St. will hold slide programs on March 5,12. and 26 at 1 p.m.

Dwight Senior Citizens meets every Monday at 1 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A.

Florence Tyson of North Court celebrated her 90th birthday last month.

Pictured above are members of the Knights of Ebony, Inc. dance committee who have completed final plans for the KOE's Spring Fling Dance to be held April 4, at the Goffe Street Armory. Proceeds from the dance will aid the KOE's Black Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund. From left to right are: Willie Spence, Dale Snyder, Hurley Eeings, William Kilpatrick, and Rudy Hylton. Missing from the picture are Vernell Morgan and Fred Foster.

Ghetto...

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causing auto drivers many bad moments. The poor lighting in the Dixwell area is conducive to our high crime rate.

These problems have been discussed by many organizations and groups here in our community, who readily contrast this new plaza with those that go up in white communities. We, in this area, pay taxes like other citizens. We want the same kind of services - not this "new ghetto."

1. We want the men loitering picked up by the police and arrested, or turned over to UIP, which will eliminate much of the glass and the trash in the plaza area. But we also want the trash and glass in the area cleaned up periodically.
2. We want the chugholes filled.
3. We want the lighting in the Dixwell area improved especially in the Elm Haven Housing area.

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by the administration and the Redevelopment Agency. The Dixwell Plaza area was designed to beautify the Dixwell area of the city and offer its residents a modern facility for shopping and recreation. The old ghetto was removed and new structures were erected.

These dwellings still house the old slum. Nothing has changed. A "New Ghetto" exists now and it is up to the administration to go into action to correct it before it gets even more out of proportion.

Trash is collecting at a fantastic rate. Drunks find the property a convenient and unpatrolled gathering place. Even the merchants litter the parking lot with junked automobiles and debris.

Redevelopment is more than erecting new buildings without any effort to maintain their beauty. Residents of New Haven pride themselves in living in a Model City, but they sweep problems under the rug by no taking complete action to solve them.

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